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**Examining Group Number 3734**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 22, 2007. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: